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1. On 18 March 1954, [] ship carrying a cargo of crude rubber and jute from Rangoon put in at Odessa and dropped anchor in Quarantine Harbor, where it was boarded by a searching party of 12 and the port medical officer, who wore a naval uniform and had come alongside in his own launch. The crew was carefully examined for symptoms of epidemic diseases. Control required about two hours. On completion of searching operations, the ship was berthed alongside the quay. 25X1
2. Platonovskiy Pier, where the ship first tied up, was between 350 and 400 meters long, about 50 meters wide, and could easily accommodate four 10,000 DWT vessels, two on either side. Railroad tracks and four or five traveling gantry cranes were on each side of the pier. Almost the whole cargo of jute was unloaded and stored in one-story sheds on the pier. Some of the rubber cargo was transloaded into railroad cars. A Soviet ship of about 3,000 DWT, which was unloading meat, was berthed across the head of the pier. 25X1
3. Upon the arrival of a Soviet steamer of between 11,000 and 12,000 DWT, [] ship had to move to another berth at the quay between the first pier and the curved southern jetty. This quay was about 680 meters long and was built of carefully hewn rock. Five new traveling cranes of various design were installed in the section of the quay at which [] ship was berthed, but the crew transloaded cargo into railroad cars with their own gear. A large Soviet steamer used four cranes to take on boxes and engine parts from railroad gondola cars. Several sheds and office buildings were on this quay. Only police and controlling officials were seen. It was noted that the crew members of the Soviet steamer who wished to go ashore had to show a permit to the armed sentries. After the Soviet steamer at the Platonovskiy Pier had left port, [] ship was hauled by tugboats back to its first berth. 25X1

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4. Two or three ships, apparently taking on grain from elevators by means of belt conveyors, were berthed on the inner side of the curved southern pier. At least two railroad tracks, on which trains were observed at all times, were on the southern pier. Six tugboats, including two seagoing ones, were observed in this section of the harbor, and several large tugboats were seen near the shipyards in the northern section. A cold storage house was located at the head of the second pier from the southern extremity of the harbor. Some small Soviet steamers and two floating cranes of 50 to 60 tons lifting capacity were berthed alongside the third pier. A large floating dock was moored at the shipyard.

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